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HOUSE RESOLUTION 179
By Brooks

A RESOLUTION to honor and commend Tamara Dione Young on being selected "Best Attorney" at the 2000 Memphis Light, Gas and Water Division City High School Mock Trial Competition.

WHEREAS, each year the Memphis Boy Scouts and the Memphis Bar Association jointly sponsor a City High School Mock Trial Competition, the entertaining and informative 2000 event was held January 28 through February 2, at the Shelby County Court House; and

WHEREAS, the 2000 Mock Trial featured several thoughtful and well-delivered presentations, and despite the rugged competition, Tamara Dione Young received much praise for her exemplary effort and was selected "Best Attorney"; and

WHEREAS, Tamara is a highly regarded junior at Whitehaven High School and is the daughter of proud parents, Calvin and LaVerne Young and the sister of Megan. Her family has taught her the value of hard work and has given her the ability to maximize her potential; and

WHEREAS, as one of Tennessee's "best and brightest," this intelligent, diligent and hard-working student has an excellent 3.8 grade point average; and

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WHEREAS, before coming to Whitehaven High School, she attended a private Montessori school until the fourth grade, then Whitehaven Elementary School, and Havenview Junior High School; and

WHEREAS, she has been a member of the National Honor Society since the fourth grade and has been a member of the Southeastern Consortium of Minority Engineers (SECME) since junior high school and has served admirably as vice-president of the group at her school; and

WHEREAS, this multi-talented student also competed in the SECME competitions during the summer of 1997, held in Charlottesville, Virginia, in which she built the first place bottle rocket; and

WHEREAS, also that summer, Tamara attended the Memphis ACE Camp, an aviation camp for high school students at which she experienced flying a flight simulator and a Cessna 392 airplane; and

WHEREAS, as a student leader at Whitehaven High School, she has participated in the Gospel Choir, the Concert Choir, the Locque Club, and the Ladies of Alpha Chi; and

WHEREAS, Tamara has received numerous awards including the prestigious William H. Sweet Award, the Youth Outstanding Service Award, the Presidential Award for Academic Excellence, and induction into the National Honor Society; this summer, she will have the honor of participating in the Presidential Classroom Scholars Program; and

WHEREAS, she serves God with enthusiasm as an active member of the Greater Imani Church and Christian Center in Memphis, where she has been a member of the youth choir, junior usher board, Nubian Phoenix Girls' Mentor Group, the Mass Choir, and is currently President of the Mandinka division of youth ministries. The church is the center of her life and she is deeply thankful that God has richly blessed her with many opportunities. Tamara has said, "I owe all praises unto the Lord"; and

WHEREAS, it was through the church that Tamara found a mentor in state Representative Henri E. Brooks. She served admirably as her intern for the summers of 1995 and 1996; and

WHEREAS, Tamara's involvement in the Legislative Retreat for the past six years has been very meaningful, as she has used her various abilities to do an excellent reenactment of a dramatic interpretation by Paul Lawrence Dunbar, entitled "*When Malindy Sings*," and successfully argued for a bill at the Mock Legislature; and

WHEREAS, Tamara Young aspires to be a corporate attorney, and then a Supreme Court Justice; and

WHEREAS, it is appropriate that we pause in our deliberations to honor and commend one of Tennessee's "best and brightest students"; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE ONE HUNDRED FIRST GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, That we honor and congratulate Tamara Young on her many accomplishments and on her selection as the MLGW Law Explorers "Best Attorney" at the 2000 City Hall High School Mock Trial Competition. Her exceptional intelligence, poise while speaking, and determination bode well for future success.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copy.